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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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14/03/2014: Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the Mission Ilembula. Tanzania, to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between 14th March and 11th April 2014. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on the HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at: www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm and www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

14/03/2014: Look for Peter, EI7CC, to be active once again as 7P8PB from Maseru (WW Loc. KG30RQ), Kingdom of Lesotho beween 14 March and 3 April 2014. Activity will be holiday style on all bands from the shack of Gerry, 7P8CC (EI8CC). QSL via EI7CC direct or EI bureau. Log will be hosted by ClubLog. [NG3K]

14/03/2014: Masa, JA0RQV, plans to visit Tonga again, and will QRV as A35JP from 14th to 20th March 2014 from Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu Island (OC-049, Grid Loc. AG28), Kingdom of Tonga. Since it is not DX vacation but business trip, the operation will be during his spare time after primary business, mostly at night in Tongan time (UTC+13h) and week end. QRV on 80-6 metre CW and SSB, using IC-7000 (100W) and Vertical. QSL via home call, by the bureau, LoTW and direct with SASE w/1IRC (Masato Tamura, 2086-13 Daitakubo, Minami-ku, Saitama-city 336-0015 Japan). Further info and updates on his website at: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv [DxCoffee]

14/03/2014: Kazu, M0CFW, plans to be active as MJ0CFW from St. Brelade, isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE) from 14-16th March 2014. QRV on the HF bands. His main focus will be on the Russian DX Contest and BARTG RTTY Contest (15-16 March) using the callsign MJ5Z. QSL via M0CFW and LoTW. [NG3K]

14/03/2014: Operators Ismael XE1AY, Alejandro XE1FAS, David XE1REW, Gustavo XE1KKK, Enrique XE2AA, Jorge XE2AMS, Benjamin XE2AU and Juan XE2AY will be active as XF1T from Cocinas Island (IOTA NA-189), in front of Punta Perula, Jalisco (WW Loc. DK79TC) on 14-17th March, 2014. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31, near the usual IOTA frequencies. Satellite and 6m also. QSL via IT9EJW, OQRS. Logsearch on ClubLog after the DXpedition. [IT9EJW]

14/03/2014: Guests of the Catamaran "Cush" sailing the Caribbean Sea, look for Simone, HP2/IK5RUN and Danio, HP2/I5OYY to be active from two Panamanian island groups between 15 March and 2 April 2014. They plan to be QRV from the San Blas Archipelago (IOTA NA-170) and the Colon-Veraguas group (IOTA NA-202) during this period. QRV holiday style on 80-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. [DX World]

15/03/2014: Zsolt, HA8FY/p and Geza, HA8DD/p plan to activate Duna-Drava National Park (WWFF HAFF-003) on 15th March 2014 from about 0600z to 1000z. QRV mainly on 40 and 20m using SSB and CW. QSLs via their home calls, direct or Bureau. [HA8FY]

15/03/2014: Graham, MM0GHM, plans to be active holiday style as MA0GHM/p and MA0GHM/m from several Scottish islands between 15-20th March 2014. His plans are as follows: 15-16 March from the Isle of Skye (IOSA NH07, SCOTIA CN14, WLOTA 1626), Inner Hebrides (EU-008). 16-17 March from South Uist (IOSA OH03, SCOTIA HI06, WLOTA 2972), Outer Hebrides (EU-010). 17-20 March from Barra Island (IOSA OH11, SCOTIA HI02, WLOTA 3126), Outer Hebrides (EU-010). QRV on the HF bands on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL direct or Bureau via MA0GHM; e-QSL via MA0GHM. [rsgbiota.org]

15/03/2014: Louis, W0FK, will be active holiday style as W0FK/4 from Longboat Key (NA-034, USi FL053S), Sarasota county, State of Florida, from 15 March to 1 April 2014. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

15/03/2014: Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again be active as XZ1Z from Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on a Foundation for Global Children (FGC) mission between 15-21 March 2014. Activity will focus on the high bands, during his spare time. QSL to JH1AJT: P.O. Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, Kanagawa 259-0111, Japan. OQRS at ClubLog will be available after his return. Note: Zorro reports "2013 XZ1J QSL cards are on the way to FGC HQ from our printing shop. We will start answering OQRS and SASEs as soon as they arrive". [DX World]

15/03/2014: Hugh, W4VAB, will be active holiday style as ZF2MT from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) on 15-22 March 2014. He will operate CW and PSK31 on 40-10 metres, using a KX3, Ten-Tec model 418 with 100W amp and a Buddipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL. [425 DX News]

15/03/2014: Members of the Campina Amataeur Radio DX Group (CARDX) will activate Serra do Jatoba Summit (750m, WW Loc. HI12PM), Paraiba State, Brazil, as ZY7J for only 24 hours, starting on 15th March and ending on the 16th of March 2014. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB, including WARC bands. Team members include Renner PU7EGC, Alamo PR7VX, Humberto PR7HBA, Nicolas PR7DX, Fernando PR7DB, Reno PR7RBA, Ramiro PR7RC and Christian PR7ZAJ. QSL via PR7VX, direct and LoTW. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZY7J [DX World]

16/03/2014: Gert, ZS6AYU, will once again be active as C91GR from Bilene, Mozambique, between 16-19th March 2014. QRV holiday style on 40-10 metres using 350W and AVQ-640 Vertical. QSL C91GR via ZS6AYU. [NG3K]

16/03/2014: Guy, F5MNW, will be active as FR/F5MNW from Reunion Island (AF-016, WLOTA 1812) between 16 March and 8 April 2014, on Saint Leu tops. QRV on the HF bands, CW only. QSL Bureau or direct via HC. [DX World]

16/03/2014: On Sunday 16th March 2014, weather permitting, Leonardo IW5EFX/p will be active the Bosco della SS Trinita Nature Reserve (WWFF IFF-702), located in the commune of Santa Fiora, region of Tuscany [Toscana], Italy. The area boasts a variety of white firs, a native species of the Apennine area. Altitude in the area varies from 600 to 720 meters and is located on the western slopes of the Monte Calvo. The important SS Trinita Franciscan convent (DAI reference TC-1065) is located inside the nature reserve. QSL via home call, Bureau or direct. [I5FLN]

17/03/2014: Ark, UA4CC and Arunas, LY2IJ will be QRV (holiday-style) from Bequia island (NA-025) as J8/UA4CC and J8/LY2IJ between 17-26 March 2014. Activity all bands/all modes. QSL via home calls, direct or Bureau. [DX World]

19/03/2014: Operators Bogdan SP2FUD, Kazik SP6AXW, Leszek SP6CIK, Janusz SP9FIH and Robert SP9WZS will be active as VP2V/homecall from the Lo'Blolly Beach Cottages, located on the island of Anegada (NA-023, WW Loc. FK78UR). QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March) using the callsign VP2VAK (QSL via SP9FIH). Outside the

contest the team will focus on JA and Asian stations. Short and long path routes will be checked on 15m, 12m and 10m bands in proper time to make more contacts. One of our goals is to work as many JA as possible even if the rate will be slow. QSL via home calls. Further information and updates on their website at: www.vp2v.dxpeditions.org/ [DXAT]

20/03/2014: Note: The following information from the Russian language RRC reflector was translated by Will, WC6DX. - Vlad, R3HD and Slava, UA3DK will depart Hanoi and operate as 3W1D and 3W4DK, respectively, from Cat Ba island (IOTA AS-132, WWFF 3WFF-007) until the end of March. They plan to operate 5-28 MHz with the possibility of adding 80m and 160m later on. QSL 3W1D via SP5PB; the manager for 3W4DK is yet to be determined. Note: scheduled dates are tentative. [WC6DX]

20/03/2014: Tatsu ("Ted"), JF1CCH, will be active as 8Q7TS from Hulhumale Island, North Male Atoll, Republic of the Maldives (AS-013) from 20-31 March 2014, including an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30th March). He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres, possibly also on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via home call (all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. [425 DX News]

20/03/2014: A group of six operators from the UK will operate as TX6G from the island of Raivavae (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA 2581), in the Australs, from 20th March until 1st April 2014, all bands CW, SSB and RTTY. The operators are Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Nigel G3TXF, David G3WGN, Don G3XTT, Hilary G4JKS and Justin G4TSH. They plan to run up to three stations, each consisting of a K3 plus amplifier. Antennas will consist of various vertical systems on the beach. The team will upload logs to Clublog and, bandwidth permitting, will also be uploading to LoTW as the expedition progresses. QSLs will be handled by G3TXF and requests can be made directly or via the Clublog OQRS facility. After the DXpedition most members of the team will be attending the International DX Convention at Visalia. A website will be launched with further details once the callsign and other details are confirmed. [DX World]

21/03/2014: Look for Zhang, BA3AX and Lu, BD3AEO to be active as homecalls/3 from Yuetuo [Yue Tuo] Island (AS-134), Leting county, HeBei province, China, between 21-24 March 2014. Plans are to be QRV with focus on 20-15 metre CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via BA3AX, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

21/03/2014: Mike, W1USN (RNARS #3889) and Bob, AA1M will be QRV from Costa de Pajaros, Costa Rica, between 21 March and 1 April as TI8/home call. Operations will be 80-10m SSB, CW, PSK-31 and maybe some RTTY. Mike will be operating the CQWW WPX SSB Contest during the weekend of 29-30th March. All QSL's for both operators via LoTW, direct and bureau. [DXAT]

21/03/2014: Hartwig, DL7BC, plans to be active as TO7BC from Tsingoni, Mayotte Island (AF-027, DIFO FH-001, WLOTA 0376) between 21 March and 4 April, 2014. QRV on 20-10m (maybe 40m) with 100 Watts and spiderbeam, including an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. [NG3K]

21/03/2014: The following Japanese operators will again be active from Burkina Faso between 21-26 March 2014: XT2AEF (via JH3AEF), XT2IVU (via JA3IVU) and XT2VWT (via JA3VWT). QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and digi-modes. [DX World]

21/03/2014: Operators Barry ZS1FJ-9V1FJ-ZL1MFW-G4MFW, Sandro VE7NY, Franz OE2SNL and Graham ZL1BMG will be active as ZL7AAA from Chatham Island (OC-038, WLOTA 1627) between 21-31 March 2014. The stations will be on the air 7 days per week, 24 hours per day in 6-hour shifts per operator. QRV on all bands from

80-10 metre SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via VE7NY and LoTW. Further information and updates can be found on their website at: www.qsl.net/zl7aaa/ [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

27/03/2014: Kim, OH6KZP, will once again activate the CR2X contest station in Ribeira Grande on the north coast of Sao Miguel island (EU-003, DIP AZ-002, PIP AC-002, WLOTA 2016) with focus on the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry from CQ zone 14. Kim will be QRV before the contest as CT8/OH6KZP. QSL via OH2BH. [NG3K]

29/03/2014: Ceuta Legion Contest Team members Salvador EA7FQB, Jorge EA7HZ, Julio EA7JB, Alvaro EA7JR, Manolo EA7LL, Jose EA7LS, Cris EA7RU, Juan EC7DTQ, Manuel EA8DO and Jose Antonio EA9CD will be active as ED9K in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Multi-2 entry from Ceuta, CQ zone 33. QSL only direct to EA7LS (NO BUREAU, NO IRC). Website: www.facebook.com/ed9kteam [DXAT]

29/03/2014: Project X Contest Team members Ron K5HM, Matt K5NGU, Rick W5RH and possibly others will be active as N5T during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March). The team will be operating from The Joseph S. and Lucie H. Cullinan Park (Grid Loc. EL29), at Oyster Creek, Sugar Land, Texas (Fort Bend County). QSL via K5HM, direct and LoTW (see QRZ.com under N5T). [K5HM]

29/03/2014: Look for Yuriy, N2TTA, to be active once again as NP2P from Christiansted, island of St. Croix (USi VI-002S, WLOTA 2477), U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. Yuriy plans a Single-Op/All-Band entry from CQ zone 8. QSL via LoTW preferred; also direct only to N2TTA (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

05/04/2014: Project X Contest Team members Ron K5HM, Matt K5NGU, Rick W5RH and possibly others will be activating Mustang Island State Park (NA-092, USI TX-011S, WW Loc. EL17JQ), Nueces County, Texas, during the Texas State Parks on the Air (TSPOTA) event (www.tspota.com/) on 5-6th April 2014. QRV using the special callsign N5T on 80-10m SSB and PSK31, using 100W with 2 element 5 band hexbeam and several dipoles. Please QSL via K5HM: Direct - US Stations SASE. Non-US 2 Green stamps or 1 IRC plus SAE. LOTW: Logs will be uploaded to LOTW after the event. Website: www.mustangislandontheair.com/ [K5HM]

11/04/2014: Look for Jan, PE1GNP and Marc, PD7YY to be active as PH38EU from Terschelling Island (EU-038, WLOTA 0943) between 11-14 April 2014. They plan to be QRV on 40-10 meter SSB and 2 metre SSB. QSL via the Bureau or direct to PE1GNP or PD7YY. [rsgbiota.org]

27/04/2014: Harry, JG7PSJ, plans to return to Chichi-jima (WLOTA 2269, Ogasawara prefecture), Ogasawara Islands (AS-031) and will operate as JD1BMH between 27th April and 11th May 2014. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the bureau to JD1BMH, or direct to JG7PSJ (QRZ.com). Further info and updates at: sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [NG3K]

11/05/2014: Mike, DG5LAC, will be active as EA8/DG5LAC from the island of Fuerteventura (AF-004, DIE S-006, WLOTA 0883, WWFF EAFF-191) between 11-23 May 2014. QRV on 80m to 10m SSB, 100 Watts. QSL direct or Bureau to DG5LAC. Log will be upload to LoTW, eQSL and WWFF. [rsgbiota.org]

13/05/2014: Fred, PA1FJ, will once again be active holiday style from Samos island (EU-049, GIOTA SAS-006, MIA MG-099, WLOTA 4163, WW Loc. KM37AS) using the callsign SV8/PA1FJ/p between 13-19 May 2014. Look for Fred to be active on 40-6 metre SSB and CW. Antennas will be the Buddistick vertical for 6/20m and the

High-endfed for 10-20-40m, the TRX will be the Yaesu FT-897. QSL via home call, Bureau preferred. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. [rsgbiota.org]

24/05/2014: Remco, PA3FYM, has announced his participation in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (24-25 May) as a Single-Op entry from Malawi, CQ zone 37, using the callsign 7QNL. Activity will be during a planned DXpedition in May/June 2014 to Malawi South Region: Districts of Blantyre, Zomba and Chikwawa. QRV after (and probably before) the contest. More info to follow. Website: 7qnl.wordpress.com/ [NG3K]

15/06/2014: A team consisting of Peter G0DRX, Matt G0ECM, Mike G0MEM, Steve G0UQT, Henryk M0HTB and SWL Julja plan to be active as GB2BLE from Lundy Island (EU-120, WLOTA 1997) between 15-20 June 2014. Activity is planned on 80-6m + VHF, SSB/Digi. Updates on twitter (twitter.com/GB2BLE). [DX World]

25/06/2014: Wolfgang, DM2AUJ, plans activity as LA/DM2AUJ from the Lofoten Islands (EU-076) between 25th June and 13th July 2014. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

26/07/2014: Mike, DG5LAC, plans to activate Fehmarn Island (EU-128, DID/GIA O-001, WLOTA 0637) as homecall/p from 26-30th July 2014, including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (26-27 July). QRV on 80-10m, high power SSB. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

26/07/2014: Operators Axel DO4WA, Chris DM5HF and Joerg "Joe" DM4DL will be active as DR0F from Neuwerk Island (EU-127, DID/GIA N-012, WLOTA 2311) between 26-28th July 2014, including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest. This activation will also count for the National Park and Nature Reserve Hambuarg Wadden Sea (WWFF DLFF-005). QRV on 80-10m, all modes. QSL via the Bureau or via the information at QRZ.com. Website: www.darc.de/distrikte/e/13/ [rsgbiota.org]

26/07/2014: Operators Randy PH4X, Ron PA4RVS, Lucas PD0LVS, Friso PD1JFB and Marcel PD3MVB will be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest (26-27 July) as PA6TX from the island of Texel (EU-038, WLOTA 0043). Lucus, PD0LVS, reports that operations will be from bungalowpark "Prins Hendrink" in the village of Oosterend (WW Loc. JO23KC). Logs will be uploaded to both LoTW and to eQSL at the end of the contest. QSL via PD0LVS, bureau preferred. Direct requests can also be made to PD0LVS (Texel IOTA 2014 Operations, Europaplein 15, Alkmaar, NH 1825TL, Netherlands). [NG3K]

29/07/2014: Operators Mars JA3FVJ, Ikuo JA3TJA, Masa JF3PLF and Taka JH3FUK and possibly others plan a DX-Vacation to Christmas Island (VK9X, OC-002, WW Loc. OH29LN) and Cocos-Keeling Island (VK9C, OC-003, WW Loc. NH87JT) sometime between late July and early August 2014. Tentative schedule: VK9C (Cocos Keeling) between 29 July and 2 August; and VK9X (Christmas Island) between 2-8 August. QRV holiday style on 160-6 metre CW, SSB, FM, RTTY and PSK31. QSL by the bureau "via JF3PLF", direct to JF3PLF with SAE + IRC/2GS, ClubLog OQRS and LoTW. Further information and updates can be found on their website at: vk9.nobody.jp/ [DX World]

27/09/2014: Mike, DG5LAC, plans to be active holiday style as OZ/homecall from Romo Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001), Wadden Sea National Park (WWFF OZFF-004), from 27 September to 3 October 2014. Activity will be on 80-10 metre SSB, high power with Vertical and Dipoles. QSL via home call, direct or Bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

29/11/2014: An international team of operators will be active as IG9Y in the CQWW DX CW Contest (29-30 November) from Lampedusa Island (AF-019, IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126, WLOTA 2312) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via ON4LG, direct or bureau.

Log will be uploaded to LoTW. Online log search will be hosted by Club Log. Website: ig9.ii9p.com/ [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

14/03/2014: Special callsign HF15NATO marks Poland's accession to NATO 15 years ago. Now QRV on all bands and modes until 31 March 2014. QSL via SP1EG and eQSL. [DXNL]

14/03/2014: Sam, LY5W, located in Kaunas, Lithuania (WW Loc. KO15TA), is now active until 31st December 2014 with the special callsign LY10NATO to mark Lithuania's joining of NATO 10 years ago. QSL via LY5W, direct or Bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. Sam welcomes stamps for his collection in direct letters. [DXNL]

14/03/2014: Radio amateurs in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, are celebrating 60 years of their club station LZ1KSP with the special callsign LZ60KSP and a corresponding award during the entire year 2014. QSL via LZ1JZ. The "60 years LZ1KSP" award is open to all radio amateurs and SWLs (award information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/LZ60KSP?ref=386490026). [DXNL]

14/03/2014: Until 31st December 2014, Radio Club Nikola Tesla (YU1HQR) Sabac commemorates the 100th anniversary of the famous battle on the mountain Cer 1914, which is located close to the city, using the special callsign YU100CER in memory of the victims. By way of management and outcome, Cer Battle is a masterpiece of the art of war, and as a remarkable example of the transition from the strategic defense of their counterattacks, she is still studying at major military academies, including West Point and the U.S. QSL via YU1HQR (Radio Klub Nikola Tesla, 15000 Sabac, Kneza Lazara 1, Serbia). [DXNL]

14/03/2014: Commemorating the occasion of the 120 years of the establishment of the primary school "VOJVODA STEPA" (1894 - 2014) in Belgrade. Radio club Banjica (YU1BBV) from Belgrade will transmitt on all amateur bands under the special callsign YU120STEPA, in the period of 1st March to 31st March 2014. QRV on 80-10 meter CW, SSB and Digi-modes. Also QRV on 2m and 70cm FM. You can send your QSL cards direct or Bureau via YU1BBV. [DXNL]

17/03/2014: The West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club (GN4OMA), based at the Technology Education Centre, plans to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the air with the call GB1SPD from Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439), on Monday 17th March 2014. QRV all modes on HF, VHF/UHF bands and EchoLink. QSL via the RSGB QSL Bureau (P.O. Box 5, Halifax HX1 9JR, United Kingdom) is preferred. Website: www.wtarc.net/ [DXNL]

19/03/2014: Operators Dave N2NL, Ed KH2L, Joel KG6DX, Danny KH2JU and Cord NH2KD will be QRV as W1AW/KH2 between 19-25th March 2014 from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WWFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) to celebrate ARRL's centennial year. The team will be as active as possible during this week from their respective QTHs, aside from the usual family and work obligations. Look for them on 160-6 metre CW, SSB, RTTY, and PSK. QSL via W1AW. [ARRL]

19/03/2014: From 19-25th March 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/4 operated by Ned K1GU located in the city of Friendsville, Blount County, State of Tennessee and W1AW/5 operated by Bruce AA5B located in the city of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

14/03-15/03 MJ0CFW: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0CFW (d)
15/03-16/03 MA0GHM/P: Isle of Skye WLOTA:1626 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/03-16/03 MJ5Z: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0CFW (d)
15/03-22/03 VK9NF: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL K8NA (d)
15/03-22/03 ZF2MT: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL W4VAB (d)
16/03-08/04 FR/F5MNW: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL H/c (d/B)
16/03-17/03 MA0GHM/P: South-Uist WLOTA:2972 QSL H/c (d/B)
17/03 GB1SPD: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL Buro
17/03-20/03 MA0GHM/P: Barra Island WLOTA:3126 QSL H/c (d/B)
19/03-25/03 W1AW/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL H/c (d/B)
20/03-01/04 TX6G: Raivavae Island WLOTA:2581 QSL G3TXF (d/OQRS)
21/03-04/04 TO7BC: Mayotte Island WLOTA:0376 QSL DL7BC (d/B)
21/03-31/03 ZL7AAA: Chatham Island WLOTA:1627 QSL VE7NY (d)

6 METRES & UP -

14/03-17/03 XF1T: Cocinas Island NA-189 Grid:DK79TC 6m+Sat QSL IT9EJW (OQRS)
15/03-16/03 Virginia QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 15 1400z-16 2400z
16/03 070 Club St. Patrick's Day Contest 6m class 0000z-2359z
18/03-19/03 CLARA & Family Contest (1) 2m class 18 1700z-19 1700z
18/03 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
18/03 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
18/03 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
18/03 SP 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
20/03 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
20/03 SPAC 70MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 7X2ARA, 9A2AA, 9A201MB, 9A202GA, 9A203KS, 9V1YC, AH0BT, DL0ESA, EH7ITU, GB60HRH, JA3AOP, JA5WNH, JH4UYB, LU1ALF LU5VV, LW7DG, OJ0UR, OO7VA, RU3FN), TM850N and V55V.

QSLs via Direct: 6W7SK (F6BLP), 7Q7FOC (G3MRC), 7O2A (OQRS), C91B (QRZ.com), C91J (QRZ.com), F4BKV/p [EU-058] (OQRS), J79JG (AD8J), J8/K8EAB (H/c), OD5NJ/p [AS-108] (KK4OK), VU7AG (OQRS) and YB8S [OC-236] (YB9BU).

QSLs via LoTW: 7O2A, 9A286T, C6AKQ, E7DX, FY5KE, LT0H, LX7I, NP2P, PJ2/W8WTS, PJ2T, PJ4X, PZ5RO, RI1ANC, SK3W, T77C, TO7CC, V5/DL3DXX, VK0TH, WL7E, XR0ZR, YS1/NP3J, ZM90DX and ZS8C.

BITS & PIECES -

For immediate release -
ALAND ISLANDS IN RUSSIAN DX CONTEST THIS COMING WEEKEND, CW & SSB
The callsign OH0W is a symbol of national bonding among Finnish contesters in 1982 when fifty of them spearheaded their Northern country in scoring a team contesting multi-multi category world win in the CQWW DX Contest.
In the same spirit, the Team Finland, OH2UA and OH6KZP are busy in lining up their equipment for the upcoming WRTC-2014 ijn Boston.together Similarly, RadioTeam Azores, OH2BH and OH2MM, coached by OH8NC and technically supported by OH6KN, are currently on Aland Islands to shape-up their gear and skills for the battle.

The Team Azores will activate the world renowed OH0W at a modest power of 100 watts on all bands. You can salute them on two bands simultaneously for the duration of 24 hours.
OH0W QSL via OH2BH [Martti Laine]

5V, TOGO -
Czech DXpedition team organizes another expedition, this time to Togo. Preliminary dates are end of September, approximately for 10 days. Operators: David OK6DJ as 5V7DB; Pavel OK1FPS as 5V7PS; and Petr OK1FCJ as 5V7ST. Antenna/radio setup: 2 x K3, 1xKX3, 2x PA, Antennas 2 x Spiderbeam incl WARC, 1 x vertical 40m-10m, 1 vertical 160/80m + special RX antennas for low bands. Activity SSB, CW, digital. Activity in CQ WW RTTY Contest. QSL to OK6DJ via OQRS Clublog, direct, LoTW, eQSL or Bureau. More information at qrz.com/db/5V7DB, with other sites being publish later. [OK6DJ]

D4, CAPE VERDE -
Henryk's (SM0JHF) visit to Mindelo on Sao Vicente island, Cape Verde, is going to last until the end of March, and will see him operating as D44CF with 80W and a wire antenna. QSLs may be requested via <sm0jhf [at] gmail.com>, direct cards to be paid for by PayPal. [DXNL]

HS, KOH PHANGAN ISLAND -
David, HS0ZLU is active from Koh Phangan Island (AS-101, WLOTA 1441) until 15th May 2014. QRV on 20 and 10 metre SSB and PSK. QSL via operators' instructions. [DX World]

HK0, PROVIDENCIA ISLAND -
Vlad, UA4WHX, has been QRV since 12th March as HK0/UA4WHX from the island of Providencia (NA-049, WLOTA 0788). Activity on 12m SSB so far. As always, length of stay is going to remain unknown. QSL via home call. [DX World]

VK9MT Info [Sun, 9 Mar 2014 17:53:33 -0700 (PDT)] -
To all DXers:
During the period of time that the VK9MT Team will be traveling both to and from Mellish Reef, and while involved in radio operations upon the reef, there will be no communications with the Team except via the established pilot network. All comment sections on Facebook, and our webpage, will be turned off. The direct email address to the Team will be deactivated temporarily.
Should there be any comments or suggestions one wishes to send to the Team, please direct those comments to the appropriate Pilot for your geographical area. That information will be easily found on our webpage, which is www.vk9mt.com.
Also, Pilots will have no access to the log during, or after, the DXpediton. All inquiries of this nature should be directed to the QSL Manager once the operation is QRT. As always, if unsure of a QSO, please work the Team again.
VK9MT Team

ZS8KX, MARION ISLAND (AF-021, WWFF ZSFF-012) -
Replacing the current ops on Marion Island (ZS8A, ZS8C and ZS8Z), look for Gerard ZS1KX (ex ZD9KX) to show as ZS8KX much later this year once his initial workload shortens.
More info will be updated throughout the year, but you can QSL via Gerard de Jong, P.O. Box 744, Wellington, 7654, South Africa.
Gerard's wife will be handling cards. [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

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